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Documents considered to be relevant:

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X	1,55 and 59 at least	GB 2315704 A	(Freudenberg) see whole document
X	1,55 and 59 at least	GB 1201982 A	(Bobkowicz) see especially figures 1-3 and page 3 lines 106-112
X	1,55 and 59 at least	EP 0054610 A1	(Freudenberg) see especially the figure and abstract
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